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Majority prices were unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was light to moderate at best; food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to active. Dark meat was in the best position, ranging balanced to closely cleared and moving. Wings were readily available, and breast items were adequate to ample, except for tenders which were sufficient to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 04-APR-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR			69.21	27
Chicago	67.00-70.00	70.15	41	71.29	74
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			72.02	27
Denver	79.50	79.37	15	79.44	17
Detroit	69.00-70.00	71.10	10	72.50	50
Los Angeles	80.00	79.37	63	77.67	138
New York	72.00-74.00	72.65	23	73.06	46
Philadelphia	70.50-72.00	71.33	12	70.80	23
Pittsburgh	71.00-73.00	72.08	12	73.09	62
St. Louis	69.75-70.00	69.46	21	69.96	33
San Francisco	80.50	80.65	37	78.31	88

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/04/05	Change/Last Wk	03/28/05	04/05/04
585	73.75	.10	73.65	76.95

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	73.50-75.00	74.60	34
Central	70.00-77.00	72.63	70
Western	70.00-77.00	75.29	36

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	73.00-76.00	73.98	91
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,140	67.00-76.00	73.02

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00	1,429
BREASTS - B/S	155.50	6,029
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50	1,492
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00	1,128
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	7,809
WINGS	98.00	3,102

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and usually selective. Offerings of all sizes were available and sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair. The market tone was steady to about steady. In the parts complex, wings were available, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Tenders were clearing but generally sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate, but well cleared.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was mostly light to fair with first of the month business not as active as anticipated. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle limited trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best. Dark meat was in the strongest position with offerings close to tight and clearing. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to ample with limited interest; however, tenders were balanced to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from last week. The market tone was about steady. Trading reported for this week delivery at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments and new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Sizes trended heavy. Sharp discounts offered on excess product to help stimulate the non-aggressive buyer interest. Retailer demand was moderate best where scattered features planned to break later in the week. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 73.44 down 3.77 from last week with the volume reported down 4 percent to 27 loads. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items with leg quarters in the strongest position. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery at 35-37.5 on bulk leg quarters and 36.5-39.5 on 4/10s, drumstick mid to high 30s on bulk and 8/5s, boneless leg meat high 80s, boneless thigh meat mainly 98, wings 87-102.5, bone-in breast 97- 111 and boneless 152-156.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices in Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis remained unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was steady on light to moderate offerings. Demand into all sectors was improved with food service providing best call, moderate to fairly good, while retail flow was moderate at best. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was brisk on dark meat cuts with renewed interest on tenderloins, otherwise trade was light. The market tone was fully steady to firm on leg cuts, and steady to barely steady on all other parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was irregular; improved in spots, but no better than fair overall. Offerings were more than sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate, instances light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, leg cuts were about adequate and were in the closer, better balance. Bone-in and boneless/skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample. Tenders were generally noted as adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	65-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76.53
NO. OF BOXES	5,626

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Early week buying interest was light to moderate. Offerings of breast items were adequate to available, but tenderloins were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were fully adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were usually adequate, but clearing satisfactorily. Retail movement was fair to moderate, best for scattered feature activity. Distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was fully steady on tenders; breast items remained about steady to weak. Wings were barely steady to weak. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	156.77	509,726
TENDERLOINS	160	157.29	111,380
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	94.74	100,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	86.89	96,520
LEGS	46-47	47.44	195,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	33.15	315,720
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	36.90	98,140
THIGHS	38-39	45.46	54,080
B/S THIGHS	96-97	96.67	87,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	84.16	289,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.88	16,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.18	17,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	52.12	11,560

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,943	120.00-161.00	142-152	145.22
TENDERLOINS	617	145.00-202.00	150-161	157.68
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	262	77.00-99.00	-	78.83
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	2,216	28.50-34.00	30-32	31.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,815	31.00-34.00	32-33	32.43
WINGS (WHOLE)	653	68.00-107.00	89-95	91.07
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,083	36.00-42.00	36-38	37.86

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	04/04	03/31	03/31	03/28	03/24
Alabama	4,082	3,936	5.15	3,754	5.10
Arkansas	5,417	5,273	5.09	5,159	4.97
Delmarva	2,004	2,228	5.55	1,288	5.45
KY-LA-TN	2,126	2,194	4.81	2,012	4.91
Mississippi	3,108	2,936	5.50	3,182	5.46
North Carolina	2,330	2,356	6.29	1,899	6.43
Texas	2,428	2,476	5.21	2,427	5.18
Total	21,495	21,399	5.32	19,721	5.29
Mon	21,495(A)			19,721(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Apr 2005 is estimated to be 32,159,000 up 8.67 percent from a week ago. and up 7.4 percent from a year ago. (last week 29,593,000 last year 29,957,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	745	140.00-215.00	-	146.85
TENDERLOINS	163	152.00-205.00	155-161	159.48
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	84.00-103.00	92-93	93.92
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	39.00-52.00	42-44	43.10
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	30.00-35.00	31-32	31.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,125	32.00-36.00	33-34	33.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	242	66.00-104.00	90-94	88.59
WINGS (CUT)	370	81.00-114.00	100-111	107.20
DRUMSTICKS	52	38.00-56.00	-	41.69
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	120	90.00-102.00	-	96.50

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR APR 04, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.00 - 57.50	55.37	54.46

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 04-08-APR-2005. CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	145.00 - 160.00	150.00 - 160.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 114.00	89.00 - 98.00
LEGS	46.00 - 52.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31.00 - 36.00	33.00 - 35.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	34.00 - 39.00	34.00 - 37.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.50 - 54.00	-
THIGHS	39.00 - 50.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	78.00 - 111.00	-
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 60.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.5-98.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90-102
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
ROASTERS 4# & UP	105-108
DRY PACK	108-111
ICE PACK	111-111
HENS OVER 5#	89-93
ICE PACK	89-95
DRY PACK	180-192
DUCKS	

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 01, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.25	18.25-26.00	488,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.25	21.57		

15-20%	14.00-28.00	22.50-25.00	2,376,000	1,776,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.96	23.77		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	19.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 01, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00-27.00	142,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.57		

15-20%				
RANGE	24.00-29.00	13.50-23.00	1,060,800	163,200
WTD AVERAGE	26.67	17.26		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5	11.5-13	12.52
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced for next week. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15.25	11-12.75	12.08

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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